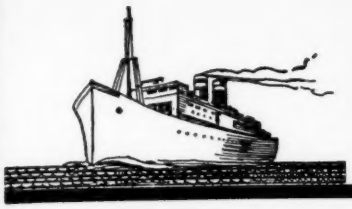

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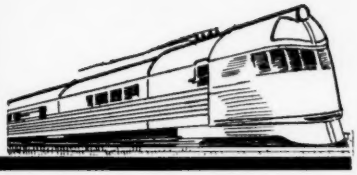

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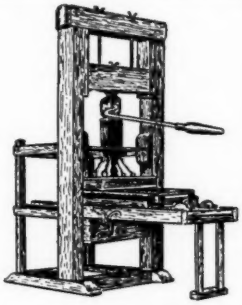

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Printing Anniversary

AND

Four State Stamp

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DATE OF ISSUE — SEPTEMBER 25th. PLACE UNANNOUNCED

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1889 — 1939

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OF STATEHOOD
1889 1939

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NOVEMBER 3 1889

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There is also a special designed envelope that can be used in any of the four States.

These states were admitted to Statehood in the Month of November at four different dates in the year 1889. The stamp will honor the fiftieth anniversary of Statehood for the four states. Altho we do not know, we presume that the stamp will be issued first day in each of the different states. However, since each State was admitted on different dates, the collector will probably want to get first day covers from each state on the day of first day issue as well as get a cover from each state on the date on which that state was admitted to Statehood. Such a collection of these covers will be of much historical interest.

LINPRINT WILL MAKE SEVERAL DISTINCTIVE COVERS FOR THIS STAMP

There will be a set of four covers, each showing a state seal and another set of four covers, probably symbolic of the different states. In addition there will be another single cover which embodies the entire four states in one emblem.

All orders which are on hand for filling on our subscription plan will be filled with this latter cover which will be suitable for use in any state. Then those who wish additional covers for different states may order the set of eight covers at the special price at which it will be offered. This plan will give all an opportunity to get just the envelopes they may desire for this new stamp.

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U. S. NOTES

The design of the 3c Printing Press had been selected by the second week of August, but pending finished proofs, no announcement was made at the time. The sketches of the proposed designs of the Famous Americans are not yet approved, but Bureau artists are still working on these. They are expected to be stamps of ordinary size or a trifle larger, but will not be the large "special delivery size" unless present plans are changed. All sorts of rumors are emanating from Washington regarding this series, most of which will probably like those on earlier issues have to be disregarded.

Despite repeated admonitions of the Post Office Dept., coupled with threats of disciplinary action, postmasters continue to issue new commemorative stamps before the date they are instructed to commence issuance. Wilbur Myers, Stamp Editor of the *Daily News Telegram* of Sulphur Springs, Texas, sends us a 3c Panama Canal stamp with first day date cancel of August 15, but mailed from Sulphur Springs. He writes that the post office there placed the stamps on sale on August 14, the day before they went on sale at the U. S. S. Charleston, official first day post office and two days before any other post office was authorized to sell them.

On October 19, 1938, the Canal Zone Director of Posts issued an order to all postmasters having more than 50 copies of the 30c Buffalo stamp to transfer the stamps to the Philatelic Agency, as the reserve stock of the stamp was exhausted at that time, and no more were to be printed.

Two oddities are submitted by Norbert Loshe of Carthagena, Ohio. One is a government postal card of the current 1c issue, the stamp design having a solid blot of color about 4mm. in width on Jefferson's head, caused by a piece of dried ink or paper adhering to the plate and covering the shading of the design at that point. The other is a 1½c Harding full-face (1930) which is very scantily inked, resulting in pronounced "white spots." The ovals containing figures of value and the curved panel containing "United States Postage" are barely outlined. White spots are commonly found on the rotary press issues, though seldom being so extensive as on the copy submitted.

There are many U. S. revenue stamps about which little is known, due to the few of them preserved and the very small number of collectors interested in them. Charles E. Barr of McKees Rocks, Pa., submits several of these. Most attractive of the three is a CASE STAMP, a handsome engraved label measuring approximately 6⅛ by 3 3/16 inches in design with imperforate margins all around. The inscriptions include: "United States Internal Revenue"; "Series of 1933"; "Acts of March 3, 1897, and February 17, 1922" at top. A fancy engraved device includes the wording "Bottled—Distilled Spirits—2 4/10 gallons." The stamp is further inscribed with the name of the Collector of the 23rd District and signed in pencil by the "U. S. Storekeeper-Gauger." In the lower left corner is the title "CASE STAMP." The whole is green, with a red overprint and imprint indicating the district in which it was issued. Mr. Barr says he has seen a 3 gallon denomination. Who knows more about these? Has anyone a check list?

Mr. Barr also submitted two wine stamps. One is a regular U. S. 1c of the series of 1934 overprinted in two lines of

RECTIFIED SPIRITS

PUERTO RICO

sans serif condensed capitals "RECTIFIED SPIRITS—PUERTO RICO" very much like the illustrated. An 80c of the 1916 design (1933 printing) is submitted by him with a two-line hand-stamped overprint in violet "RECTIFIED SPIRITS." He says both of these were on a case from Puerto Rico.

An 1854 year date in the cancel on a post card written in 1911 was submitted by an Akron collector. At least that's what at first glance it appeared to be. Actually the "TR 54" above the date in center of the R. P. O. postmark was not clearly stamped, making the abbreviation for "Train 54" look like "1854."

We bought some 3c Presidentials the other day at the post office and noted they were from an electric eye plate. The stamps were very finely centered throughout the sheet. This, we understand cannot be expected on all sheets, as the eye controls only the perforations in one direction. The new 2c sheets have eye control both horizontally and vertically, but we haven't heard that the percentage of centering is improved. Who knows?

One reader writes in concerning the origin of the name "Shin plasters" for the postal currency described in Mr. Jansen's recent article. He says one version he has heard is that purses of that period would not accommodate much of the paper money, so the overflow was often tucked in the stocking, in the neighborhood of the shin, hence the derisive name. He suggests this might also be the origin of the term "putting it in the sock."

Herman Herst, Jr., New York dealer, has become the proud possessor of the Golden Gate stamp with double paper.

Leonard A. Sharrott, 1039 Grassmere, Far Rockaway, N. Y., wonders if anyone else had their New York to Shediac first flight cover go through without a New York postmark, stamps remaining uncanceled?

In connection with the new additions to the Postal Laws & Regulations limiting the type of matter which may be sent through the mails free of postage under the "Penalty" imprint used on official matter, postmasters are not permitted to refuse matter which they believe is not entitled to free transmission. The determination of what may or may not be sent free is left to the opinions of the executive departments and independent establishments of the federal government. The only authorized interference by Postmasters is when he finds these divisions are not filing quarterly statements of weight of their mailings together with statement that law was (or was not) observed. Then the postmaster is directed to notify the Third Asst. Postmaster General.

One of the characteristics of used copies of the famous 3c Orangeburg coil stamp (Scott No. 389) is supposed to be the fact that the cancellation was one of the "wavy line" machine type and this distinction has been used in expertising copies of this stamp. However, all post

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#786	Post Office	.06
#787	Unemployed	.06
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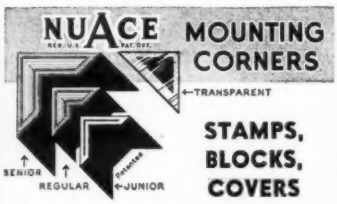

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offices having cancelling machines also have hand cancelling devices for the reason that the machine cannot be used on everything. Often a small amount of mail is not run through the machine, but is cancelled by hand. So, though all known copies of the Orangeburg are machine cancelled, it is possible a hand cancellation may be found on one of these stamps.

A reader inquires for a *complete* list of all Electric Eye plates. Can anyone supply such a list for publication?

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297 different plate number combinations are known to exist of the 6c 1938 air mail stamp, says the *Bureau Specialist.*

78,454,450 copies were issued of the Hawaiian commemorative three cent stamp which was on sale from Oct. 18, 1937, to July 31, 1939. Original printing orders for this stamp had totalled 75,000,000, indicating that a large surplus must have been printed.

As early as 1905, legislators were proposing extensions of the R. F. D. service. In that year a law was proposed that the limit be increased on items carried between points on a route to 200 pounds in weight and one barrel in size. A proposal fortunately not adopted or rather husky rural carriers would have been necessary.

Under Section 515 of the Postal Laws and Regulations, letters from soldiers, sailors and marines may be sent to addressee without any postage being prepaid, the postage to be collected on delivery by means of postage due stamps. This Section is seldom applied, though in our collection we have one specimen. Instructions are that this Section only applies when no stamps are available and then the officer to whose command the sender belongs, signs the envelope after it is endorsed "Soldier's Letter" or similar wording. Facsimile rubber stamp may be used. Only the single letter rate postage due is collected. Who knows of recent applications of this Section 515?

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Scott Renumbering System Explained

The following data is to be included in the introductory notes of the 1940 edition of the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogues now being printed and is supplied by Hugh M. Clark, Editor of the Catalog and President of Scott Publications, Inc.

In previous editions of the Catalogue the numbering has been in numerical sequence under each country, leaving a gap between the different groups, i.e., Semi-Postals, Air Post, etc., to allow for the addition of new issues. This has been satisfactory until recent years when these gaps have been rapidly closing up. It was inevitable that a new method of numbering be adopted and, after a thorough study of the problem and careful consideration of the many suggestions sent in by collectors, the following system has been incorporated in this edition.

Stamps issued for regular postage are indicated by numbers only, without prefix letters, the same as heretofore with the exception of some re-arrangement necessary to group stamps of a like design together.

All other groups are likewise numbered consecutively, starting with No. 1 but the numeral carries a prefix letter denoting its classification. Thus, Semi-Postals start with B1, Air Posts with C1, while Semi-Postal Air Post stamps have the two letter prefix CB, etc. After studying the accompanying table a collector should soon be able to determine at a glance into which classification a stamp falls by simply looking at the catalogue number.

The regular postal issues of each country are followed by the other groups in the alphabetical order of the prefix letter or letters. No single country has all of the groups; the majority have only a few. The flexibility of the system is such, however, that new groups can be added, if and as they appear, without disturbing the present listings.

The prefixes, in the alphabetical order of their use in the Catalogue, are as follows:

GROUP I

Regular First Class Mail

B Semi-Postal
C Air Post
CB Semi-Postal Air Post
CE Air Post Special Delivery
CF Air Post Registration
CO Official Air Post
D Pneumatic Post
E Special Delivery
EB Semi-Postal Special Delivery
EO Official Special Delivery
ER Delivery Tax
EX Personal Delivery
EY Authorized Delivery
F Registration
G Insured Letters
GY Marine Insurance
H Acknowledgment of Receipt
I Late Fee
J Postage Due
JB Semi-Postal Postage Due

GROUP II

First Class Mail Limited in Use by

Nature of Service or Locality Served

K Offices Abroad
KB Offices Abroad Semi-Postal
KJ Offices Abroad Postage Due
L Locals or Local Usage
LF Local or Department Registration
LH Local Acknowledgment of Receipt
LX Local City Stamp
M Military Post
MO Army Official
MP Military Newspaper
MR War Tax
N Occupation
NB Occupation Semi-Postal
NE Occupation Special Delivery
NJ Occupation Postage Due
NJB Occupation Semi-Postal Due
NO Occupation Official
NP Occupation Newspaper
O Official
OY Life Insurance Department

GROUP III

Other Than First Class Mail

P Newspapers
PR Newspaper Tax
Q Parcel Post
QJ Parcel Post Postage Due
R Revenue
RA Postal Tax
RAC Postal Tax Air Post
RAJ Postal Tax Postage Due
S Franchise Stamps
T Telegraphs

GROUP IV

U Postal Stationery (Stamped Envelopes)

It has become increasingly evident to the publishers that collectors are interested in the method of printing used to produce the stamps and with this in view such information appears in part for the first time in this edition. Because of the amount of research involved, only the British Colonies and approximately the first third of the Catalogue were completed. It is intended that the balance will be included in the next edition.

Methods of printing, perforations, types of watermark, etc., when listed at the beginning of an issue, apply to the issues following until a change is shown. The only exceptions are the surcharge and overprinted varieties. In this case the information may be found by referring to the original listing of the basic stamps.

• One of the rarest of miniature sheets is the Persian 1915 1 kran Coronation in sheet of five overprinted for the British Occupation of Bushire. Only 174 copies of the stamp were overprinted.

FARLEY SPECIAL PRINTING - MARCH 15, 1935

All mint: as issued. Imperf. except No. 752, 753

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756	1c Parks	.03	.12	1.10	1.00	.25	.17	.27
757	2c Parks	.04	.16	1.85	1.60	.40	.35	.25
758	3c Parks	.05	.20	1.75	1.75	.50	.55	.30
759	4c Parks	.07	.28	2.40	2.00	.60	.48	.32
760	5c Parks	.08	.32	3.00	2.40	.75	.40	.60
761	6c Parks	.14	.56	3.85	3.50	1.00	.90	.63
762	7c Parks	.14	.56	4.20	4.00	1.00	.85	.63
763	8c Parks	.14	.56	4.35	4.20	1.20	.63	.97
764	9c Parks	.15	.60	4.65	5.00	1.30	.93	.68
765	10c Parks	.17	.68	4.50	5.50	1.35	.72	.95
SET OF 10		**.90**	**3.60**	**27.50**	**25.00**	**7.75**	**5.35**	**5.00**
754	3c Mother's Day	.07	.28	2.50	3.00	.70	.45	.38
755	3c Wisconsin	.07	.28	2.50	3.00	.70	.45	.38
752	3c Newburgh, perf.	.04	.15	5.75	2.00	.40(4)	.45(G)*	.40(G)*
753	3c Byrd, perf.	.05	.20	2.50	2.50	.50	.50	1.00
771	16c Air Special	.43	1.70	15.75	13.50	5.00	2.35	1.90

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Newfoundland "Paid" Provisional

What appears to be an unrecorded Newfoundland "PAID" provisional marking is illustrated herewith. This marking is in the upper right corner of a standard size envelope which was addressed to a Columbus collector. The marking was evidently applied in one

impression and there is no trace of an adhesive stamp on the cover. Curious as to its usage, Mr. Sandrock wrote the Newfoundland postal service in 1912 and received the following letter in reply:

GENERAL POST OFFICE
St. John's, Newfoundland

23rd January, 1912.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th I beg to say that the paid all stamp, copy of which you submitted, is believed to be genuine. This stamp was used in 97 for a day or two when stamp supply became exhausted prematurely owing to wreck of a steamer which contained a new supply of stamp for Nfld.

Yours truly,
H. Woods
Postmaster-General.

H. Sandrock, Esq.,
1206 E. Rich St.
C.C.C. #744 Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

A check of contemporary (1897-1898) publications in an endeavor to find some mention of the provisional was fruitless, and present day catalogs and other resource material were equally barren of mention of this provisional stampless item. Can any of our readers throw any futher light on the item?

Shipwrecks have caused the Newfoundland posts trouble at other times. In 1908 in order to obtain a supply of 2c stamps distinctive in design, the 2c Map stamp was issued to replace the 2c King Edward. A ship transporting cases of the 2c Edward was wrecked and it was feared some of the lost stamps might be found and used to defraud the postal service of revenue, so the Map stamp was designed and issued.

Dr. Hussey Dead

Dr. A. E. Hussey, for many years Sales Manager of the S.P.A., died after a long illness on August 1 at his Cincinnati, Ohio, home. He is survived by his wife and daughter Helen, who succeeded him as Sales Manager.

• The Aurora (Nebr.) Stamp & Coin Society has announced its meeting schedule for the fall and spring of 1939-1940. Sept. 13 will be date of the annual exhibit.

Roosevelt Pictured On Turkish Constitutions

For the second time President Franklin Roosevelt has had his picture on a postage stamp. Following the examples in design set by other countries, Turkey's set to commemorate our Constitution Sesquicentennial features our flag, an outline map of the U. S., and a likeness of George Washington. One design (3k and 8k) pictures both President Roosevelt and President Inonu. Ismet Inonu was selected as successor to the late Kemal Ataturk, first President of Turkey, whose death last year resulted in a number of mourning stamps from both Turkey and Alexandretta. Ataturk is depicted on the two values depicting Washington, the 7½ and 12½ kurus. The third design, found on the 2½ and 6k is that of a hand holding aloft a single staff from which to left and right extend the flags of the two republics. All are bicolors, except the flag stamps are in three colors. Date of issue not clear, but evidently in July. It was stated prior to their issue that the set commemorates the New York World's Fair as well as the Constitution but the stamps bear no indications of this added purpose.

• Members of the Gateway Philatelic Society dispense with the usual August 28 meeting for a tour that evening of Chicago's new post office. They meet in the lobby at 7:45 P. M. and any stamp collector is welcome.

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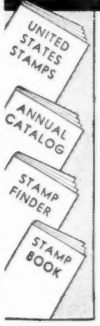

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Religious Controversy

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design was objected to as it had been officially described as "the sun of Truth rising over the darkness of the Middle Ages." The Delegate declared the design was offensive to Catholics. In reply the Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, Senator C. F. Clarkson, stated, "the Huguenots left France because they claimed it was not possible for them to enjoy freedom of conscience and to practice their religion in their own country, and is meant to convey that freedom of conscience which they could enjoy at the Cape." Demands for suppression of the stamp however still continue.

AUCTION CALENDAR

Sept. 1—50 Lot Auction. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., Suite 415, Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, O.

Sept. 15-16—U. S., Foreign. J. M. Bartels Co., Inc., 17 John St., New York City.

Sept. 29—U. S., Foreign. Herman Herst, Jr., 116 Nassau St., New York City.

• The second number of the *Asia Stamp Journal* has arrived, containing illustrated articles and news items through some thirty pages about the size of LINN'S. A monthly, it is published by A. F. Kerneck, P. O. Box 4047, Shanghai, China, and seems well worth the modest subscription rate of $1.00 (U. S.) per year.

• For $3900 (United States) the Guatemalan government will receive from the firm of Johan Enschede of the Netherlands, 12,000,000 stamps of the values of ½, 2, 3 and 5 centavos. They will be printed by one of the rotogravure methods in two colors.

Costa Rica Commemorates Child Welfare Congress

Costa Rica will issue two sets of stamps, an airmail and one for ordinary postage to commemorate the Eighth Pan-American Child Welfare Congress which will open in October at San Jose. The ordinary postage set will have a total face value of 1.30 Colones, ten thousands sets being ordered with extra quantities of the lower values. Denominations are 5, 10, 20, 40 and 55 centimos. The airmail series will comprise 10, 15, 25, 35, 60 and 75 centimos and 1.35, 5 and 10 colones. Quantities of the airs range from 200,000 of the 5c down to 1500 of the 10 colones. The design of the airmails will be of a plane over Duran Sanatorium, while that of the ordinaries will be allegorical. J. A. Weston of San Jose advises that the Costa Rican post office will not service first day covers or accept orders for stamps.

• The Santa Monica Stamp Club was host on the evening of August 22 to many California collectors in celebration of the 400th consecutive meeting of the club.

• For "Stories Behind The Stamp" enthusiasts, we can recommend the Iowa article in the August National Geographic.

• For the 19th Annual Smoki Snake Dance at Prescott, Austin S. Grimes of Phoenix, Ariz., sends us a cacheted cover of this tourist-attracting event.

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An item the other day in a newspaper had something of a prophetic nature which had us wondering if our future commemoratives won't be repetitions of former issues. The item:—formation of a Czech Legion, 15,000 strong and commanded by a Czech general, among the refugees in Poland. Only a little over twenty years ago other Czech Legions were fighting under the flags of France and Russia to become the first armies of the republic destroyed recently. Will we have in years to come, commemoratives honoring this Legion of 1939?

Current issues are so prolific that it keeps most of us busy with just those and with little time to think of what is to come. But we wonder if the names which have been headlines in our newspapers the past several years will some day grace stamps from Prague, from Addis Ababa, from Nanking, from Madrid, from Vienna and Tirana? Hundreds of stamps in our albums portray victims of other eras of conquest, massacre, civil war, concentration camps, and short-lived independence. It has been said the past few years have been the blackest in modern history. Certainly from this short range view of it, postmaster generals of decades to come will not lack for heroes or heroines to portray on their offerings, for many names have had their brief career in recent history and their compatriots will not forget them. Our shores are playing host to survivors just as in years gone by it served as refuge for Garibaldi, Kossuth, Marti and Palma of other eras. Philatelic portraits of future issues are in our midst; who can say which will be remembered, or those to be forgotten?

—R. R.

Perfs and Imperfs

THOUGH WE HAVE REPEATEDLY stated in our news columns that we will not print free in our news or other columns a notice of any cachet unless said cachet is free, we continue to receive notices (which we are asked to print) of cachets with charges running up to 25c each. These are unquestionably advertising and the rates quoted at the head of this page apply to any notice of profit cachets, no matter for what or whom the profit is intended. To be fair to everyone, we can make no exceptions. The only charge of any sort which we will permit in a free notice, is a forwarding charge not exceeding 1c per cover. And forwarding means just that and from one point to another in the same city is not in our opinion bonafide forwarding. Many of the funds for which the cachet profits are garnered are worthy ones, but we cannot judge of that from here and collectors are being expected to finance too many things beside their own collections. Will cachet directors, chambers of commerce, centennial committees, aviators, Junk skippers, etc., please note and remember this paragraph?

THE NEW *NATIONAL GEOGRAPH*ic came in the other day and there was an article, well illustrated all about Australia's famous whatisit, the platypus, which the "down under" postal authorities thought worthy of putting among their postage stamp portraits not so long ago.

PRECANCEL STAMP SOCIETY conventions are attracting more bids than do those of the larger societies, it seems. Not only does our home burg of Columbus want the 1940 Convention, but Houston, Texas, is after it too; and now comes along Los Angeles putting in its reservation for 1941.

WHILE THE MEANS WAS RATHER drastic, the loss of the first batch of Chinese Junk cachets (aptly named at that) was little mourned in philatelic circles. But, alas, another is to attempt a similar expedition. We wish among

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WE HAVE HAD REQUESTS FOR information on the origin of the numerous imperforate varieties of 20th Century Canadians. Nothing or at best very little seems to have been put in print regarding them. Who can tell the whys and wherefores of these?

THE CIVIL WAR *IS* OVER. THE Confederate Stamp Alliance has a "Northern Vice-President" among its officers' titles. Seriously though, the South would be hard put to match the enthusiasm for Confederates in the northern states, as there are many fine collections of them.

R. W. HARRIS is on his toes when it comes to publicity opportunities. All the discoveries of the rare perf. 11s of the 1922-23 were put in the shade by that Californian with his price of $50,000 for just an early cancel on the 1c 1861, with resulting nationwide publicity. R. W. figures his stamp is just as good, if not better. Already he has received publicity worth several times his insurance premium.

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THE STORM IN CERTAIN PARTS of the country over the 3c Army with likeness of "that man Sherman" will be small potatoes compared with advent of Booker T. Washington on a 3-center. As we figure it, if the portraits are to be arranged in alphabetical order, then Booker gets the 3c of the Educator series. Trouble is no doubt on its way.

BRITISH BROADCASTERS HAVE taken up the idea of question-and-answer programs but one broadcaster seems to have not prepared himself so well. When he asked the audience when the first postage stamp was issued, no one among them could answer and neither, it turned out, could the questioner, for he stated that it was issued in 1837!

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Greenland Cover

The first cover from Greenland seen in our office came in the other day, sent with compliments A. E. Pade, the Denver mixture man and dealer in Scandinavians. The cover is franked with the entire set, postmarked "EBEDESMINDE," an office in northern Greenland, and dated July 5th, arriving at Columbus on August 11. The cachet was a pleasant one to receive at this sizzling time of year, a green and white representation of a Polar Bear on ice floe.

Godden a Bomb Victim

Frank Godden, well known English dealer, on his way home from a Stamp Centenary Exhibition committee meeting, had a narrow escape during one of the Irish Republican Army bomb outrages in London recently. When a bomb was exploded recently at Victoria Station, he was thrown violently to the ground, but fortunately his injuries were mostly shock. He said it was not the first time he had been blown up (or down?) as he had similar experiences during the war, but expressed the hope this was the last such occasion.

● In connection with the S. P. A. Convention, souvenir labels in five colors will be issued at the rate of three labels for 10c. May be obtained from Bernard L. Ahman, Jr., 3313 Westerwald Ave., Baltimore, Md.

● On Sept. 1, a new naval branch was ordered to commence operations: Fleet Training Base, San Clemente Island Branch, San Diego, Calif.

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New Zealand Color Freaks

First printings of the current 1d New Zealand *Stamp Collecting* states were printed in an ink that has been responsible for many collectors thinking they had errors of color when actually the ink had changed color due to its character of being easily affected by air, water, etc. Later printings were made in an ink of better permanency.

University Championship Series

The Eighth International University Championships were commemorated by Monaco on August 15 by the issuance of a series of six stamps. Five will show the new Stadium Louis II which was pictured on recent issue. The sixth will feature the Principality's Coat of Arms. The games are being held in Monaco, though they had originally been scheduled for Austria, the change being necessary due to the "anschluss," The series will be current one month only, and have a face value of 5.65 francs.

Brazilian Air Forgery

The inverted surcharge variety of Brazil's first air mail stamp, the 1927 50 reis on 10 reis gray, has been cleverly counterfeited, *Brazil Philatelico* states. The serifs of the letters in the forgery are not drawn as finely or come to as an extended point as those on letters in the originals. Comparison with known forgeries or originals is almost necessary.

• Papua will withdraw on Sept. 6, the *Australian Stamp Monthly* states, the 50th anniversary air mail stamps and replace on that date if possible with the new regular series of the same denominations.

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• Luxemburg's new portrait series will remain current until Dec. 31 and then be withdrawn.

• The Virginia post office of FIGSBORO closes on August 31.

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• The Czech stamps with German overprint for the "protectorate" were issued July 17 in sets only, total cost being 32 koruna (about $1.15 face United States.)

• The Second Annual Open House jointly sponsored by the Kent Kollectors Klub and the Ravenna Stamp Club will be held November 4 and 5 at the Hotel Ravenna, Ravenna, Ohio.

• The post office of TREASURE ISLAND is only open in the summer and closes this year on Sept. 4. It's a Boy Scout camp on an island in New Jersey's portion of the Delaware River.

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GERMANY—Semi-Postals. Commemorating the 70th running of the German Derby, at Hamburg on June 25th. Horizontal rectangular format. Design shows a derby winner with the jockey up:

25pf. plus 50pf. blue

Brown Ribbon Stamp of 1939. Horizontal rectangular format, 33x27½mm., perf. 14, wmkd. swastika. Engraved:

42pf. plus 108pf. brown (Two Prancing Steeds)

Art Day Commemorative Upright rectangular format, 27½x33 mm., engraved, wmkd. swastika, perf. 14:

6pf. plus 19pf. deep green (Venetian Lady)

(R. Roberts)
(L. A. Russell)

GUADELOUPE — Revolution Commemoratives. Same as for Cameroons.

ICELAND—New Postage Value. Same design in the central portion as the 2K. of the World's Fair Issue, but the wording at the side has been replaced by scroll design:

2K. gray (Statue of Karlsefni)

World's Fair Issue. We thought that we had chronicled the under-noted value in this set, but upon checking back find that we must have overlooked doing so. Same as 45a. of the original set:

2K. gray

(Columbus Postage Stamp Company)

INDO-CHINA—Golden Gate Exposition Commemoratives. Upright format 26x40mm., unwmkd., perf. 13½, engraved:

6c. sepia (Pagoda)
9c. red (same)
23c. ultramarine (same)
39c. mauve (same)

Revolution Commemoratives. Design same as for Cameroons, but values and colors as follows:

6c. plus 2c. green & black
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9c. plus 4c. red-orange & black
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23c. plus 20c. blue & black

(R. Roberts)

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JAPAN — Another Value in the Current Postage Set. Central design shows the Dai Butsu of Kamakura, a great Budda, whose height is 49 feet 7 inches. The image is formed of sheets of bronze cast separately, brazed together and finished off on the outside with the chisel. The hollow interior of the image contains a small shrine and the visitor may ascend into the head. Our copy of the stamp is on a First Day Cover, so we can only note the value and color:

1 en, brown

(Karl Lewis)

JUGOSLAVIA — Commemorative Semi-Postals. Battle of Kosovo 1389. Large upright rectangular format, 29x40mm., unwmkd., perf. 11½. Photogravure:

1D. plus 1D. green & emerald
1.50D. plus 1.50D. claret

(R. Roberts)

RUSSIA—Type of 1929-31. Typographed, unwmkd., perf. 12:

A95—2k. yellow-green

(Scott's Monthly Supplement)

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—H. M. Southgate.

142s

If you don't know off hand and check your catalog you will find that 142 is the 1½c Front Face Harding coil. It has been my personal observation that there are not so many of these in circulation as might be expected and I predict that some of them will be quite good. I note more and more of these 142s on want lists and find them harder and harder to get hold of. So take a tip from me and fill in your 142s first. The reason is obvious why they are scarce because they had to share time with the old side view 1½c and altho they were supposed to be issued in 1930, it was some time till all the old 1½s were displaced and when they came in full bloom the depression was at its peak or lowest depth and not so much mailing was being done, and now the Presidentials are cutting them short.

NOTES

Under this heading we intended to always include random items and when you note a dash between two sentences we intend the two to be entirely divorced from each other and in a different train of thought generally.—The ESCEEPEE-CEE bids fair to be the third precancel magazine in the field. The last issue (August) was 24 pages and was mailed with a 1c Girard, Calif., ord in U-120. Particulars about the magazine can be had from Fred H. Thorne, P. O. Box 446, Van Nuys, Calif. — 21c Paterson, N. J., U-120, 6c Salem, O., U-1.

Bicolor Stamp Varieties Explained

The printing variety most commonly mistaken for an error and consequently erroneously believed to be of considerable value is the "off-register" bi-colored stamp. A bi-colored stamp is one printed

Figure 1

in two colors. Printing ink is like paint: each color must be applied at a separate operation. So just as you cannot paint a house in two colors from the same brush at the same time, so you cannot print a bi-color stamp from one plate in

Figure 2

one operation. A printing plate must be made for each portion of the design desired to be in a different color. The common 1c 1902 green and claret Guatemalan stamp illustrated here is a good example. A plate (figure 1) was made having only the frame design repeated as many times as there were to be stamps in the sheet. This was used to print the green portion. Then a plate (figure 2) was made having only the center design repeated throughout and spaced so that when printed these would properly center themselves in the "hole" in the center of the frame designs. The completed design after the two printings looked like Figure Three except that the frame was in green and the center in claret.

Where do the varieties mistaken for errors come in? Due to atmospheric

Figure 3

conditions; the "bouncing" of sheets a fraction of an inch away from the press paper guides; or slipshod press feeding or any one of a number of things; the impressions from either or both plates will not always be on each sheet in absolutely the same position. Consequently, since the presses are only machines and simply print on the paper as the guides hold it in position, the center will not always be exactly where it should be in the design. The quetzal bird may be partly over the green design, shifted in any direction. Pronounced variations are unusual, but shifts of as much as 2 or 3 mm. are not uncommon and are to be expected. On some stamps the center is so far off that a good portion of the central space is blank. The 2c Pan-American U. S. stamp is a good source of examples of this. Valuable? As a general rule they are worth no more than ordinary well-centered copies, and some collectors and dealers value them at less than normal copies.

The Stamps That Escaped A Bonfire

Upon the issuance of the new series in 1896 for the island of Madagascar and its Dependencies, the separate stamp issues for those small islands were withdrawn from their respective post offices and returned to the capital of Madagascar for "cremation." Governor General Gallieni, whose portrait adorns the 1931 Madagascar stamps, ordered on July 10 the above withdrawal. On June 25, 1898 the fire was lit with all except three sheets of each, these being kept as souvenirs apparently by the postal service. Later these few remainders proved very handy to the postal service for further supplies of the 1896 series failed to arrive when expected and a shortage of stamps (but not mailers clamoring for them) developed.

General Gallieni from his offices on board the steamer Perouse ordered the remainders placed on sale to tide the postal service over during the shortage and this was done. Consequently, stamps of Nossi Be, Diego Suarez and Ste. Marie de Madagascar were used once more, but not in the offices of their one-time postal services.

• For the best entry in the British Empire section of SEPAD next month at Philadelphia, the KenMore Stamp Co. has donated a cup.

• Though the Chinese series commemorating the U. S. Constitution has proven popular, most of those having the stamps are unable to read them as all inscriptions except figures of value are in Chinese.

• The cryptic overprint "GL O. Z.—7 Fev. 1914" on some 20th Century Haitian stamps is simply the abbreviation of the name of General Oreste Zamor, who made himself President on that date.

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BROADWAY CHATTER

BY BISTANDER

The China and Turkey Constitution stamps which have arrived recently, are again in the lime light. For one thing, supplies at present are non-existent; for some unexplainable reason additional supplies have not arrived as yet; and those dealers who have turned gray waiting for these stamps are again apologizing to their irate clients for non-delivery.

Collectors have been inquiring for First Day Covers of the China Constitution set, and as yet none have arrived. The reason as explained to your correspondent is that the entire shipment of first day covers were confiscated by the Japanese Government and the only covers known to exist are those in China.

While on the subject of China, it is interesting to note that there is remarkable activity on the part of Chinese non-collectors here in New York who are purchasing these stamps and commenting that in this way they are doing their part in helping to support China in its great struggle.

It has just been learned that the wholesale price on the Turkey Constitution set has increased slightly. It has not as yet leveled off at any definite price, but indications show that this set will definitely be good.

As we announced in a previous issue, the Belgium Orval Abbey set was completely sold out the first day of issue. It is now a very popular item here in New York. Prices however are rather stable and there is no indication at present that there will be a price rise.

Local and visiting philatelists here have had the opportunity of viewing part of the famous collection of Commemoratives owned by Mr. Frederick Alsbury-Pirie which won the Gold Medal at the St. Petersburg 1939 Exposition. The stamps were placed on view at Gimbels Stamp Department here in New York on August 14, and remained on view until yesterday. All of Mr. Alsbury-Pirie's British Empire Commemoratives were on display and the exhibit attracted considerable attention.

U. S. Variety Discovered

A copy of the 2c "Black Jack" of the grilled issue of 1867 which R. W. Harris, Brooklyn, N. Y., dealer, bought for $3.50 at an auction recently, has turned out to be a new variety of the *Z* grill on that stamp. This is Scott's No. 85B with grill 15x18 points, instead of the largest size known until now, 14x18 points. Essays of this stamp are known having this extra row of grill points but this is the first actual stamp found with it. This stamp is of equal rarity with grill variety No. 82 of which but one copy also is known. Though the grill varieties seldom reach $100 in selling price, Mr. Harris possibly recalling the Californian whose 1c 1861 with early cancel netted so much publicity when he priced it at $50,000, has taken full advantage of the publicity possibilities of his find and taken out an insurance policy on it for $50,000. The *Brooklyn Eagle* carried a front page story on the find.

• President Roosevelt now has a collection of Poland, five volumes. The Polish commissioner at the New York World's Fair recently presented him with a Polish stamp collection of that size.

• Two different cachets, one of comic makeup, will be provided for the Annual Regatta of the Boston Sea Scout Division about Sept. 10. Send covers ready to go but unstuffed with 1c forwarding fee to Chas. R. Peatfield, Cachet Director, 241 Manchester St., Mattapan, Mass., early enough so they will reach him by Sept. 5. 15 ships will take part and covers will be handled by each with distinctive signatures.

• There will probably be a lot of 3c Presidentials used on September 30 at the New Hampshire post office of JEFFERSON HIGHLAND, for it ends its service that evening.

• George Washington will be depicted on some new stamps Honduras plans to issue, for some unannounced purpose.

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Commemorative Stamp Facts

By Capt. A. C. Townsend

THE 4c ARMY-NAVY

These were issued in March, 1937, the 4c Army with portraits of Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson and the 4c Navy with those of Admirals Sampson, Dewey and Schley. All pictures were copies from life photos and both stamps are in blue-gray or "Confederate gray."

General Lee was born at Stratford, Va., Jan. 19, 1807. He graduated from West Point in 1829, having stood second in his class for four years. He performed various duties and in the Mexican War won high praise on the staff of General Scott, who called him "The greatest military genius in America." April 19, 1861, he was offered command of the Federal forces in the field but declined two days later and resigned. Two days later he was commander in chief of the military and naval forces in Virginia. He won many brilliant victories but was finally overcome by Grant and the force of numbers and surrendered on April 9, 1865. Later he became President of Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, where he died Oct. 12, 1870, and was mourned by the entire nation. Much to do was made in the South over the fact that his picture did not show his full military rank, (one star on collar being omitted) but nothing came of it.

Stonewall Jackson was born at Clarksburg, Va., (now W. Va.) Jan. 21, 1824. With limited early education he forced his way to West Point and graduated with honors in 1846. In the Mexican War he proved himself a gallant officer. He resigned in 1851 and became a professor in the Va. Military Institute, where he served until the outbreak of the Civil War. Then he joined the Confederacy and at Bull Run gained the name he is best known by, when Lee seeing his forces struggling against great odds, called out, "There stands Jackson like a stone wall!"

After many victories, and after the battle of the Wilderness in which he was successful in 1863, he was returning after an examination of the field when, in the darkness, he was fired on by his own men and mortally wounded. He died two days later, May 10th, and is buried at Lexington, where a memorial hall and a statue perpetuate his memory.

Admiral Sampson was born at Palmyra, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1840. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1861, and later served several terms there as instructor and Superintendent. In 1897, he was in command of the *Iowa* and on the outbreak of the Spanish-American war was made commander in chief of the naval forces blockading Cuba. He commanded the squadron which bottled Admiral Cervera in Santiago Harbor, and the squadron destroyed the Spanish fleet when it attempted to escape. Sampson was away conferring with Genl. Shafter when the action started, but returned in time to engage the last of the enemy vessels. For years an unsettled controversy raged as to whether Sampson or Schley was entitled to the credit of the victory. Sampson died at Washington, May 6, 1902.

George Dewey was born at Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 26, 1837, and graduated from the Academy in 1858, fifth in his class. He served under Farragut in 1862. In 1896 he was made a Commodore and was in Hong Kong in charge of the Asiatic Squadron when war with Spain was declared. He received cable orders to proceed to the Philippines and capture or destroy, the Spanish fleet there. He proceeded at once on the *Olympic* at the head of the five vessels of the squadron and on May 1, 1898, entered the mined harbor of Manila and opened fire on the 10 ships and 2 torpedo boats of the Spaniards. About noon the last enemy vessel hauled down its flag and surrendered, and Dewey won a notable victory without the loss of a vessel or a man and with but 7 men wounded. His calm words, "You may fire when ready, Gridley," form another sentence that will never be forgotten by loyal Americans.

Dewey became Admiral of the Navy, and on his return home was given a welcome that has probably never been equalled. He then held various offices until he died on Jan. 16, 1917. He was buried in a prominent spot at Arlington but his body was later removed to lie in a Washington cathedral.

Winfield Scott Schley was born at Richfields, Md., Oct. 9, 1839. He graduated from the Academy in 1860, served in China and Japan, then under Farragut, and then was instructor in modern languages at the Academy. In 1884 he was officer in charge of the rescue of the Arctic explorer Greely. In February, 1898, he was at the head of the flying squadron that located Cervera. When the latter attempted to escape from Santiago Harbor, Adml. Sampson was at the head of the combined squadrons but Schley was in actual command when the action took place. He retired in 1901 and died in New York City, Oct. 3, 1911.

The 4c Army-Navy were issued at Washington, D. C., on March 23, 1937. 35,000,000 of the 4c Army were ordered from plates 21651-52-53-54, and 35,000,000 of the 4c Navy from plates 21655-56-57-58. 331,000 first day covers were canceled. 35,794,150 of the 4c Army were issued and 34,552,950 of the 4c Navy.

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Philatelic Agency Stock

The Philatelic Agency issued a new list August 1 which indicates 13 commemoratives available in addition to others of the regular series. The commemoratives, all 3c, are: Oregon, Anthony, Constitution (all three), Alaska, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Delaware, Iowa, Golden Gate and New York World's Fairs, and the Baseball and commencing August 16, the 3c Panama Canal.

In regular issues the Agency has of course all 32 sheet stamps of the Presidentials; the 1-1½-2-3-4-4½-5-6-10c sidewise coils and the 1-1½-2-3c endwise coils of the same issue. The only stamp books available are the Presidentials, 25c, 37c, 73c and 97c booklets. Of the 1922-23 designs, only the rotary press printings are available of all values from ½c to 50c except the 3c. The 1½c and 4c are of course the 1930 designs. The same denomination of coils are available of this series as in the Presidentials, except the 4½c of course. The 1½c and 4c are 1930 design and the 3c, 1932 design. The $5 flat plate is the only one of the flat plate issue still in stock.

In Airmails the Agency has the current regular series being issued to postmasters which consists of this assortment: 6c Eagle 1938; 10c, 15c and 20c 1926-27 Maps; 20c and 50c Trans-Pacifics; 30c Trans-Atlantic; and 16c Airmail-Special Delivery. Other airs on hand are the 6c 1934 Winged Globe; and the 25c Trans-Pacific.

Special Delivery stamps includes the 10c and 15c rotary press and the 20c flat plate. Special Handling stamps include the entire series of 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c. The 25c has not been issued to postmasters for years as it does not make a rate and is obsolete.

Electric Eye sheets are available of the 2c 1922-23 rotary press and the 2c and 3c Presidentials in full sheets only. There are two types of the 2c Adams.

• On August 31, the Pennsylvania post office of CORTEZ, becomes as dead as the conquistador for which it was named.

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Linprint will prepare Seven Distinctive Sets of Five Covers each, for each of these various groups.

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